

BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Meeting Minutes for June 2nd, 2008

Members Present:

Jim Baker, Meagan Bradshaw, Henry Blessing, Elmer Chewning, John Dodson, Stephen Kelley, and Deborah Looney

Members Absent:

Jerry Mercer, R. B. Anderson, Guy Boone, and Robert Trobaugh

Others Present:

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 PM, Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Elmer Chewning called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. The Invocation was delivered by Commissioner Baker, and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Secretary Joel Cagle took the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Chewning invited a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5th, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Kelley made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 5th, 2008 meeting; Commissioner Blessing provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

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PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Public Hearing(s)

*Request for Public Hearing from Lesley Tickle to operate a (23) Commercial Stables, with a conditional use permit within an Agricultural District: Tax Map #'s 69-A-58, 70-A-1, and 70-A-2; located on the north side of State Hwy 42 (East Blue Grass Trl), Approx. ½ mile east of the intersection of State Hwy 738 (Byrnes Chapel Rd).

Mr. Sam Tickle presented a brief description of the proposed use to include: 285'x 50' Structure, 20 stalls; washroom, feed rooms, etc.. Existing Stable Business is located in Wythe County and holds 13 horses at present.

After a brief question and answer session, a motion to hold a public hearing was brought before the Commission by Commissioner Baker. A second was provided by Commissioner Looney. The motion passed unanimously.

*Request for Public Hearing from Tectonic Engineering Consultants, subcontractor for Verizon; to receive public comments regarding the potential effect upon historic properties, from the installation of self-supporting telecommunication towers of various heights;

Tax Map #'s: 104-A-37; 250 foot tower @1831 Shewey Valley Road
131-A-31; 200 foot tower @1945 Birch Grove Road
106-A-37; 250 foot tower @ 4508 South Scenic Highway
69-A-79; 250 foot tower @ 9423 East Bluegrass Trail
80-A-40; 250 foot tower @6219 Walker Creek Road

A motion to hold a public hearing was made by Commissioner Blessing, a second was provided by Commissioner Dodson. The motion passed unanimously.

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OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Dodson requested an update of the wind turbines from Commissioner Blessing. Commissioner Blessing gave an informative report on Bland County's trip to observe the wind turbines.

PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY ITEMS-INFORMATIONAL:

- *Tendered Mr. Sweet's apology for his absence, due to church obligations.
- *Mr. Kermit Gusler summoned to appear in court July 2nd for Zoning Violation
- *The County is working on a draft of a wind ordinance.
- *Verizon has been given 6 zoning application for possible cell tower sites.
There are a total of 15 purposed sites.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Looney made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Blessing provided the second, Vice-Chairman Chewning obliged and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Joel K. Cagle- Secretary
Planning Commission
County of Bland